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## Discrimination Against Kazakhs

1. "At the beginning of March 1953 large scale thefts of woollen materials were exposed at the Stalin Textile Combine in Tashkent. The persons involved were both Russians and Kazakhs. However, the Russians, although the main perpetrators were treated far more leniently than the Kazakhs.
2. "The chief of the 'Partorg' (Party Organization) of the combine, (fnu) Sergeva (a Russian woman), expressed the opinion that those had not been ordinary thefts but 'political sabotage'. At her suggestion eight arrested Kazakhs were put under the jurisdiction of the MGE for investigation and trial. The Kazakhs included 'brigadier' (brigade leader) (fnu) Rasulov and 'sortovachik' (sorter) (fnu) Khakimov. The Russians, who had been the main perpetrators, were handed over to the Public Prosecutor's Office as common criminals. Among them were the following employees: (fnu) Burlav, (fnu) Kriupin, and (fnu) Dubov.
3. "This leniency towards the Russians and discrimination against the Kazakhs caused much resentment among the Kazakhs working at the combine, where Kazakhs constitute about 90% of the labor roster. Persons who are tried by

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the MGB are punished very severely and their families are deported to other parts of the USSR. Persons tried under the normal court procedure as common criminals are treated far more liberally. They get only a few years of imprisonment, and their families are left unpunished.

4. "One of the judges, (fnu) Ulasbaev, a Kazakh, lodged a protest with (fnu) Irmatov, Chief of Justice, demanding that the arrested Kazakhs be handed over to the court authorities and not to the MGB. This protest was rejected, because the secretary of the Central Committee of the CP, (fnu) Niyazov had decided that the case had a political character. The arrested Kazakhs were retained under the jurisdiction of the MGB. When this decision became public, it caused such resentment among the workers at the combine, that the director, (fnu) Kamkov, was forced to issue an order prohibiting any discussion of comment on the whole case, under the threat of fines or arrests.

#### Security Precautions after Stalin's Death

- 5 "There was considerable tension in Tashkent during Stalin's illness and after his death. The Stalin Textile Combine was occupied by over 80 soldiers of the MVD armed with automatic weapons. They had at their disposal two armored cars with radio transmitters and receivers. All streets in the town were patrolled by strong military detachments. At night, between 4 - 10 Mar 53 one could often hear salvos of machine gun fire, directed into the air. All Party buildings, government offices, electric power stations, post offices and the radio station were illuminated by floodlights. The railway station was completely isolated. No tickets were sold for civilian passengers. On the square in front of the railway station the MVD organized a control point between 5-7 Mar 53, where they checked all civilian passengers arriving in Tashkent. These passengers were thoroughly searched, interrogated and detained for as long as several hours before clearance."

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